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January 5, 1923

Mr. George P. Jonard
~~30 Vesey Street~~
New York, N. Y.
424 W. 33rd St.
My dear Mr. Jonard:

Dr. John A. Marquis has asked me to send you the names suggested by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of women on the new Board of National Missions. I am enclosing to you one ballot giving the names of fifteen women for the Board of forty members and another ballot giving twelve additional names in the event that your committee should deem it advisable to increase the number of Board members from forty to seventy-two. I am sorry not to have sent you these names sooner, but Dr. Marquis did not let me know of the request of your committee until Monday afternoon, December eighteenth.

We hope very sincerely that your committee will see its way clear to increase the membership of the Board of National Missions to seventy-two, as that number will not only permit of a larger representation all over the country, but will give a larger group in the Colonial District which will be the group, I suppose, that will have to carry most of the detail of the work.

It is unnecessary for me to tell you that of course the Woman's Board is not approaching any of the women whose names it is sending and, therefore, we are not in a position to know whether they will be free to serve on the new Board of National Missions or not.

Very sincerely yours,

General Secretary.

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New York, January 8, 1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson, General Secretary,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of January 5th, enclosing the result of the ballot of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for nominations as incorporators of the new Board of National Missions.

Please accept thanks for the same.

Yours very truly,

GPC.R

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January 9, 192[illegible].

To/ THE COMMITTEE OF THE [illegible]
OF THE BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Dear Sirs:-

The Woman's Boards of Missions are most anxious not to be over insistant on any phase of the work of reorganization and not to cause your Committee any difficulties beyond those entailed in so complicated a service as you are rendering. We are, however, anxious to conserve the Woman's Missionary organization and the knowledge that this is also your wish emboldens us to present our case again.

Appeals for the causes represented by the general Boards of the Church reach the women as well as the men in the congregation and there are many women in the Presbyterian Church who respond only to the appeals from these agencies. Woman's Missionary Societies were organized because the women in the church realized that they have a responsibility in the mission fields which is peculiarly their own, and these societies reach only those women who wish to do this extra part. Both by written and by spoken word the Woman's Boards of Missions to which these societies are auxiliary have urged that the women as church members should all give to the support of the general Boards and that the gift to the Woman's Boards should be an added gift. This may seem to you a somewhat subtle distinction between women as church members and women as organized in societies, but it is a distinction very clear to the women and one that must be reckoned with. There is danger, however, that this is being lost sight of, and because protests are coming from many women we are presenting the case to you.

Increasingly, the general Boards of the church are appealing to the women's missionary societies for funds, Synodical and Presbyterial Committees urge upon these societies cooperation in the State and local work, while all of these agencies are but duplicating appeals made to these same women through church offerings. The women are asking why they are to be expected to give twice to any Board or agency and we cannot but fear that a continuation of such a policy will ultimately destroy the women's organizations.

It had seemed that when there are but four Boards the matter would be much simplified but it becomes increas-

ingly apparent that this may not be the case. We are fully assured that all the Boards feel that they will in the future have free access for appeal to the women's organizations; one officer of a general Board expressed what seems to be a common sentiment by saying, "You are not going to try to keep the women's societies for so narrow a program after reorganization, are you?" Further, we are assured that when the Woman's Boards are merged into general Boards, self-supporting Synods can make the same claims on the funds of the missionary societies as on the church collections. It is interesting to note that in one Synod the Committee notified the women that fifty per cent of their total gifts - for Home Missions and Foreign Missions both - were to be sent for Synodical self-support. Instances of the tendency could be multiplied indefinitely.

There is, it seems to us a threefold danger -

First - Discouragement in the societies and their gradual elimination, because of the multiplication of appeals.

Second - The impossibility of supporting, without the gifts of the women's organizations, the present mission field program for which these societies are responsible.

Third - The weakening of the giving program of the church itself where there should be an upbuilding of the interest in all phases of the church's service.

We feel that unless your Committee will emphasize the status of the Woman's societies, as auxiliary to the Woman's Boards, or their successors, and make clear that <u>their</u> responsibility is <u>only</u> for work designated by those agencies, and that general agencies as well as self-supporting Synods, etc., are to look to the church as a whole for support, the situation will grow increasingly difficult. Two competitive sources of supply for the same causes will be created in the local church - surely an error.

With deep appreciation of your constant courtesy to the Woman's Boards of Missions, we are,

Very cordially yours,

President. W.B.H.M.

President. W.B.F.M.

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Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

January 9, 1923.

Rev. W. R. Taylor, D.D.,
Brick Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York

My dear Dr. Taylor:-

I am chagrined that your courtesy to the Woman's Board of Home Missions should be met by seeming negligence on the part of its representatives. The Committee on the future relations between the Board of Christian Education and the Mission Boards has been meeting and much time has had to be given first in preparation and then in attendance at the sessions of the Committee.

We have also delayed in writing you as we have attempted to analyze the possible expenses of "All Schools" and of community work, while at the same time we have tried to estimate the probable receipts from those sources to which would be allocated the responsibility for these parts of the whole mission task here at home. All of this has taken time - and the results are not commensurate with the delay. There is so great a degree of uncertainty in the future that our final decision could be to suggest only general statements leaving for the future the more detailed planning.

I am enclosing a wording for page fifteen of your report that embodies our present thinking and indicates that we find a clear cut line in the division of types of work beyond "schools and hospitals" not easy to draw without more detailed explanation than is the purpose of your committee as we judge it from the remainder of your paper.

There are the problems of

1. Parochial schools among the colored people which are taught by the minister and where the major interest is the church work

2. Community work

(a) In communities where there is no pastor.
(b) " " " the major interest is the church.

3. Special pieces of work not classified under above headings but which were begun and have been carried on through the gifts of the women's organizations, such as the Rescue Home for Chinese Girls in San Francisco.

We have outlined this enclosed statement that we might in a few words embody the results of our thinking.

With deep appreciation of your interest and your desire to make clear all these troubling details, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. F.S.) M. Katharine Bennett

President.

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January 9, 1923.

Rev. William R. Taylor, D.D.
Brick Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York

My dear Dr. Taylor:

Mrs. Bennett has asked me to send you copy of the enclosed letter which she and Miss Hodge have sent to Dr. Stone as Chairman of the Reorganization Committee, also to send you a list of the names we have sent to Mr. Conard as the ones the Woman's Board of Home Missions would suggest for nomination on the Board of National Missions.

With deep appreciation of the valuable service you are giving in the reorganization of the Boards and Agencies, believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,

d:mk

General Secretary.

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January 15th, 1923.

Rev. John Timothy Stone,
126 East Chestnut Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Stone:-

In the haste of many meetings the letter which Miss Hodge and I sent to the Committee on Reorganization of the Boards went to you without a personal letter.

Although I hope that you understood the spirit in which we sent it, I nevertheless want to say that it was sent with much hesitation, because of the constant appreciation that we have received from you and from the members of the Committee. Only the fact that the situation to which we referred tends to become acute would have led us to write as we did. It was largely in view of this situation that it seemed unwise to make public the very cordial letter which you sent Miss Hodge and of which a copy came to me.

Miss Hodge has written you relative to that letter. We shall follow your Committee throughout this week with thought and prayer.

With every personal good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

MKB/L

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Rochester, N. Y.

January 19, 1923

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
Women's Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Bennett

Our Committee finished its session in Chicago on Wednesday evening and does not expect to meet again until it convenes in Indianapolis during the General Assembly. Its work is practically completed except for the final formulation of the report which has been entrusted to Dr. Stone and Dr. Hinitt and the securing of the charters which is in charge of Mr. Loomis.

I think that the Women's Board of Home Missions has been given everything that it asked for. I drew up quite a strongly worded resolution protecting the women's missionary societies in the local churches from appeals by the Boards and other organizations for subjects outside their peculiar field. Another member had prepared a paper with a similar end in view but not quite so strongly worded. The two papers were referred, I think, to Doctors Stone and Hinitt with power to combine them in one, so I do not know just what the outcome will be, but have no doubt that the women's societies will be safe-guarded.

Mrs. John Sparger of Dallas, Texas has married and is now Mrs. Ferris.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

W. R. Taylor

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Indiana, Penna.,
February 5,1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

For your information and in confidence, I give you the names of the women who are to be incorporators of the Board of National Missions: Mrs. F. S. Bennett, Mrs. D. E. Waid, Miss Emma Jessie Ogg, Mrs. H. C. Louderbough, Mrs. Wm. Edgar Geil, Mrs. Robert T. Bates, Mrs. John F. Dodge, Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Mrs. Henry C. Swearingen, Mrs. John Spargar Ferris, Mrs. Seldon Spencer, Miss Mary Ashby Cheek, Mrs. Lynn White, Mrs. Harold F.Bowman and Mrs. H. H. Seldomridge.

Of course, the Committee having this matter in charge will communicate with these ladies and will secure acceptances before the final announcement of the personnel of the Board.

Thanking you for the information concerning your Board members and executives, and with best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

~~Mrs Barnett~~

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January 29, 1923.

The Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.
134 South Sixth Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Hinitt:

In compliance with your request I am enclosing you a list of the Board members with their addresses and of the administrative officers of the Board who are elected by the Board.

In the letter I sent to Mr. Conard enclosing the names of the women whom the Woman's Board of Home Missions suggested for membership on the Board of National Missions I told him that, of course, the Board had not approached any of the women whose names they were sending and therefore did not know whether it would be possible for them to serve. We do not know as a Board whether your Committee on Reorganization accepted the names of the women we suggested or not but I do want to make it clear to you that they must be approached before their names are used. It is needless for me to tell you that we are very eager to know the women incorporaters for the new Board of National Missions.

Faithfully yours,

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General Secretary.

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January 20, 1923.

The Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.
134 South Sixth Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Hinitt:

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Faithfully yours,

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Indiana, Penna.,
January 22, 1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

Will you please have sent to me at your earliest convenience the following information:

1. The list of members of your Board, with their complete addresses.

2. The list of all the executives of your Board, who hold their appointments under election by your Board of Directors.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

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Indiana, Pa.,
February 9, 1923.

Miss M. Josephine Petrie,
New York City.
My dear Miss Petrie:

In accordance with instructions given by the Reorganization Committee, I am enclosing a copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting of the Committee held in Chicago, Jan. 16-17, 1923, with supplementary statement from the Chairman, Dr. John Timothy Stone, and the form to be used in complying with the action of the Committee. Allow me to emphasize the request that your reply be sent to me by March 1, 1923.

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

Secretary.

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Mr. George P. Conard
424 West 33d Street
New York City

February 10, 1923.

My dear Mr. Conard:

Dr. Marquis has asked me to send you a list of the women named by your Committee as incorporaters for the Board of National Missions. I am giving the Christian names of the married women as well as their husbands.

Hoping you and Mrs. Conard are both well, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

d:mk

General Secretary.

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March 2, 1923.

Mr. George P. Conard
424 West 33d Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Conard:

There are a number of questions which Mrs. Bennett feels concerned about in regard to the reorganization and I am writing to ask if it will be possible for you to see Mrs. Bennett and me on Wednesday March 7th between 10:30 and 12:30 or on Friday March 9th between 10:30 and 2 o'clock? Those are the only periods next week which Mrs. Bennett has free.

With deep appreciation of all the service you are giving in connection with the reorganization, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

d:mk

General Secretary.

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March 16, 1923.

The Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

Thank you very much for lending me the galley proof of the Committee of the Board of National Missions. I have read it with keen interest. There is one statement in the report regarding which I wish the Committee had been more clear. Under the Division of Schools and Hospitals the Committee says:

> This Division "shall have charge of the schools and hospitals now being carried on by the Boards which are being merged in the National Board."
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> (a) and (e)
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> "The financial support of certain schools and hospitals under the care of the Board Missions for Freedmen shall be assigned to the Division of Schools and Hospitals."

You see under one statement they have included all schools, and under the other statement they have designated certain schools. I wish very much this statement could be clarified as otherwise I fear it may give rise to discussion and difference of opinion in the Board.

I do appreciate all of your goodness.

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary.

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BY

March 19, 1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

The Reorganization Committee will hold a conference at 156 Fifth Ave., New York, in the Assembly Room or some other suitable room in that building on April 3rd, at 10:30 A. M. The Sub-Committee on Legal Affairs, consisting of N.H.Loomis, John H.DeWitt and W. H. Black, will be present and the purpose of the conference is for the discussion of any legal matters arising out of the reorganization and consolidation of the Boards and Agencies of the Church.

We extend to you and to your legal representative or representatives a cordial invitation to be present at this conference.

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

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March 24, 1923.

Mr. George Conard
424 West 33rd Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Conard:

I am very sorry that I was not in the office when you 'phoned the other day but I was out of the city for several days this past week.

I appreciate your 'phoning and feel I must write to tell you that the Board's attorney, Mr. Marvin, had no personal feeling of slight at not having been called into the conference with attorneys of other Boards concerned in Reorganization. I do feel however, as Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, that the Board should have been approached directly by the Committee on Reorganization, instead of having messages come to it via another Board, for the Woman's Board is a Board of the Assembly just as is the Board of Home Missions and other Boards being consolidated into the new Board of National Missions.

I have written Mr. Carnochan asking him to let me have a written request in regard to the amending of our Charter, as the Board does not desire to act upon verbal messages. As a business man, I am sure it is not necessary for me to explain the reasons.

We do appreciate deeply all of your courtesy and kindness, and thank you for everything you have done and are doing.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary

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March 30, 1933.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
140 Knight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In accordance with the action of the General Assembly of 1933, the Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation have acted on the organization of the Board of National Missions in the institution of proceedings for a new charter and the selection of incorporators. You have accepted the invitation to become an incorporator and I desire to express my gratification that you are thus to have part in the setting up and direction of the new Board.

A meeting has been called early in April for the initial meeting and organization of the new Board. Although certain matters of adjustment may require some little time, it is hoped that the new Board may proceed with its work expeditiously, such officers being elected and such plans adopted as may be required to advance its work.

A sufficient number of members of the consolidated Boards and Agencies have been placed on this Board, so that their knowledge and experience may be available to the new workers and contribute to the furtherance of the work. The original plan for the selection of the members of the Board has made it necessary to introduce many who will be new to this work, a fact which emphasizes the value of the contribution of such experience in the direction of the affairs of the new Board, especially at it is, of the various elements involved in the consolidation. It is manifest that there must be the blending of interest in the attainment of the work before by the four Boards and Agencies, rather than must be the subordination of activities of one in the larger activities of the Board of National Missions, whereby the largest efficiency shall be attained in operation and the whole Church be enabled to vitalize its various enterprises and carry out their responsibilities before God. To this end the work of this committee has been planned, and the ideal goal of this it will be the practical but that is committed to me.

May I congratulate you upon this rich opportunity of service, and express the hope that you will be present at the initial meeting.

With cordial greeting, I am

Faithfully yours,

[illegible],

Chairman.

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Woman's Board of Home Missions

of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 7, 1923.

Mr. George P. Conard
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My dear Mr. Conard:

I have been giving much thought to the question of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, scheduled for April 24th, and have thought it best to accept your personal advice to omit this, save as a formality.

I have, however, since that time been advised that both the Board of Home Missions and the Board for Church Erection Fund will hold their annual meetings this month as usual, electing Board members whose terms had expired and also electing their officers "for such a period of time as their services may be needed".

Our lawyer advises us that we can certainly do no harm by holding our annual meeting and he advises that we proceed with it as usual, lest there might later be some legal complications because of this omission.

I trust that such a plan on the part of our Board would not seem to you as going directly contrary to your advice but simply an effort on our part, to make our procedure conform so far as possible to the procedure of other Boards with which we are to be associated in the Board of National Missions.

With much appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. F.S.) J. Katharine Bennett

President

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My dear Mrs Bennett

On the contrary I am glad you have decided to have meeting on regular date and proceed in same manner as the other Boards named.

Cordially yours

Conard 4/9/1923.

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April 9, 1923.

TO THE INCORPORATORS OF
THE BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
NATIONAL MISSIONS
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
MINISTERIAL RELIEF & SUSTENTATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Dear Brethren,

Accompanying this circular letter, you will find a copy of the report of the Special Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation. It is likely that in some particulars, this report will be amended before presentation to the General Assembly. Rev. Fredk. W. Hinitt, D.D., Secretary of the Committee, requests that this copy be sent to you that you may have full information at as early a date as possible concerning the general duties of the Board of which you are an incorporator, and also the names of the other incorporators, and the work assigned to the other three Boards as well as the outline for the Board of which you are an incorporator.

It is requested that no publicity be given to the names of any of the incorporators until after the Boards have formally met for organization.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge

Stated Clerk.

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Indiana, Pa.,
April 9,1923.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Pres.Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Bldg.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

In view of the resolutions of the General Assembly of 1922, Minutes, Part I, Page 161, Paragraphs 2 and 3, the Reorganization Committee has under consideration the presentation to the next General Assembly of a complete plan of all the subsidiary corporations which are to be maintained temporarily for legal purposes. In preparing this plan, the Committee desires your co-operation and advice as to the best method, from your point of view, whereby this can be accomplished legally and in the most simple and economical way. Therefore, I have been instructed to communicate the following suggestions, with the request that you communicate your judgment on the same to me at the earliest possible moment for the use of the Reorganization Committee.

1. It is important that steps be taken to recommend immediately to the Committee on Reorganization and Consolddation of the Boards and Agencies of the Church the names of the members and officials of all such subsidiary Boards, who, for the next period, are to act as members and officers of said Boards, said names to be approved by the old Board.

2. In the interest of simplicity and economy, it is suggested that the names of said members should be taken, so far as possible, from the list of those who are to constitute the new Board, to which the old Board will be subsidiary.

3. If there are any peculiarities in the organization of your Board, or special modes of procedure by the General Assembly in the election of its members, these should be brought to the attention of the Reorganization Committee.

4. The Reorganization Committee will be pleased to have your suggestions on the question as to whether a simplification of organization of the subsidiary Board can be effected this year or in the near future, and the steps that should be taken to bring this about. A Board with a smaller membership might be able to manage and safeguard all the interests for which this subsidiary Board will be responsible. If this

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is the case, what size Board do you recommend, and what steps do you judge to be necessary to bring about this reduction in a legal and satisfactory manner?

It may not be possible to attain a final form of organization of the subsidiary Boards at this meeting of the General Assembly but we desire to make our recommendations as complete as possible under the instructions of the General Assembly referred to above, and we will be grateful to you for your prompt and thorough consideration of these various suggestions or questions. We feel our need of your cordial co-operation in determining these problems and trust that you can give to us an early reply.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

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April 13, 1923.

Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.,
134 S. Sixth St.,
Indiana, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

Your letter of April 9th relative to the changes of personnel in the Woman's Board of Home Missions is at hand. There has been no meeting of the Board to consider this letter, and I am therefore writing personally in order that a letter may reach you promptly as you desire, also that there may be ample time for a reply from you before the Board meeting of April 24th. in case I have not answered your questions clearly. I am taking the responsibility of writing personally as I assume you are not asking for Board action but rather for the procedure as the Board has to date planned it. I am numbering the paragraphs of my reply in accordance with the numbering in your letter.

1. The membership of the Woman's Board of Home Missions is divided into three classes of fifteen each, the term of one class expiring each year. The thirty members who are in the classes of 1924 and 1925 have not completed their terms and are not therefore subject to change by the Board itself, and could be changed only as the Committee on Reorganization should accept their resignations and therefore close their connection with this Board. The class of 1923 has in it at present but twelve women and the Nominating Committee has asked those twelve women to allow their names to stand for re-election at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Board on April 24th. Those women are:

Mrs. Richard H. Allen	Mrs. W. D. Harper
Miss Anna M. Alward	Mrs. Horace Leavitt
Mrs. Fred S. Bennett	Mrs. John McDowell
Mrs. Frederic . Fiske	Mrs. John Sinclair
Mrs. Charles M. Ford	Mrs. Frederick E. Stockwell
Mrs. W. A. M. Grier	Mrs. James Yereance

No nominations were being made for the three vacancies in the Board as it was thought desirable that these vacancies should be filled from among the women in the membership of the Board of National Missions, and it was further felt desirable to await the increase of that Board to seventy-two, if this were to be done, before making these nominations. Of course if it is desirable there could be three names inserted in this list of 1923 before the Annual Meeting.

The executive or unpaid officers of the Woman's Board who are elected from its own membership are: President, Mrs. F. S. Bennett; First Vice-President, Miss Annie Hyatt; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. C. McMillan; Third Vice-President, Mrs. John McDowell; Recording Secretary, Miss Emma Jessie Ogg; these have been asked to allow their names to stand for reelection.

The administrative officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions who are salaried officers and who are not members of the Board are:

General Secretary, Miss Lucy H. Dawson
Assistant Secretary, Miss Mabel M. Sheibley
Treasurer, Miss Mary Wallace Torrence
Superintendent of Field Work, Miss Edna Renard Voss
Assistant Superintendent of Field Work, Miss Helen H. Dingman

April 14,1923.

Rev. Lewis S. Mudge,D.D.
514 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia,Penn.

My dear Dr. Mudge.-

I am in receipt of a copy of the Report of the Special Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly and am most glad to see this.

May I call your attention to three errors in the names of the women members of the Board of National Missions-

Miss Hyatt spells her first name Annie

Mrs. Spencer's name is Mrs. Selden

My name is Katharine

These are small matters but sometimes these mistakes do annoy the owners of the names.

Very sincerely yours,

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Indiana, Penna.,
April 14, 1923.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Presbyterian Bldg.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Referring to our letter of April 10th, in view of the need for as expeditious action as possible, allow me to suggest, in behalf of the Reorganization Committee, that Paragraph numbered 1 be considered and acted on at once, and that the other suggestions of the letter can be treated later, if that suits your convenience better.

We, therefore, request that your Board recommend to the Reorganization Committee at once, if possible, the names of those whom you desire to serve as members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the coming church year, in order that the Committee may present to the General Assembly the full personnel of your Board as part of its final report.

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

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April 17, 1923

Mrs. Fred L. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I thank you for your letter of April 14th, in which you forward to us certain corrections in several names which appear in the Report of the Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies. I regret to state that it will be impossible for us to make these corrections as that part of the report has already been printed.

With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge

Stated Clerk

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April 18, 1923.

Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.,
134 S. Sixth Street,
Indiana, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

Replying to your letter of April 14th, the Woman's Board of Home Missions at the meeting held on April 17th took action asking that the following women be named as members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the coming church year:

Term Expiring 1924

Mrs. E. H. Bancker	Mrs. Henry B. Heylman
Mrs. E. B. Cobb	Mrs. Edmund K. Hopper
Mrs. Arthur W. Corning	Miss Annie Hyatt
Miss Julia Fraser	Mrs. H. C. Louderbough
Mrs. A. C. McMillan	Mrs. C. Edward Murray
Mrs. Edward C. Miles	Miss Elinor K. urves
Mrs. J. K. Mitchell	Mrs. D. Everett Waid

Term Expiring 1925

Mrs. Charles W. Bryan, Jr.	Miss Mabel Gordon Parker
Mrs. Augustus S. Crane	Miss Lucy Slade
Mrs. Charles B. Fernald	Mrs. Clarke Tillinghast
Mrs. William Edgar Geil	Mrs. Charles L. Thompson
Miss Anna Hallock	Mrs. DeWitt Wallace
Mrs. Kenneth D. Miller	Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr.
Miss Emma Jessie Ogg	Mrs. A. D. Whitaker
Miss V. May White	

Term Expiring 1926

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You will note that in this list there are vacancies. The Board desired to hold those vacancies until after the enlargement of the Board of National Missions if there is to be an increased membership therein.

Under date of April 13th I wrote you rather fully concerning this membership and concerning officers. By reference to that letter any further data that you may need may be secured.

In your letter of April 14th you suggest that the Board present a plan for changes in the organization. This has been referred to a committee which is to report at the meeting of the Board on April 24th, after which communication will be sent to you relative to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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President

P.S. Since writing the above your letter in reply to mine of the 13th has come. As the present letter is, however, the Board action, I think it best to send it on.

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April 17, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
New York, N. Y..

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Please accept our thanks for your letter of April 13th. It is exactly what we wanted and we appreciate greatly the promptness and completeness of your reply. It has been forwarded to Mr. Loomis for the use of his sub-committee.

Faithfully yours,

F. N. Hinitt,

Secretary.

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Indiana, Penna.,
April 21, 1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
Presbyterian Bldg.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

The Board of National Missions will hold its first meeting on May 2, 1923, at 10:30 A.M., at 156 Fifth Avenue. Dr. Stone, as the Convenor, extends to you a cordial invitation to be present at the "open session" of this meeting, beginning at 10:30 A.M. If you have associates in your office whom you would like to have present we are glad to extend an invitation to them through you to be present at the "open session."

Dr. Stone wishes me to state that during the "Executive Session" he would like you yourself to be within reach so that your presence may be available if the business of the Board requires it.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. McHinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

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April 26, 1923.

The Rev. F. W. Hinitt, D.D.
134 South 6th Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Hinitt:

In reply to your question "as to whether a simplification of organization of the subsidiary Board can be effected this year or in the near future" the Board took the following action at its meeting April 24th:

> In view of the fact that the work of the Board is administered by a group of interested women in and around New York without expense to the Board and that the charter number of the Board was thirty-three,
>
> I. That the membership of the Woman's Board of Home Missions as a subsidiary Board to the Board of National Missions be limited to thirty-three.
>
> II. That the Board be reduced to this number by securing permission from Assembly to present eleven names in each class, instead of fifteen as at present, for election by that body, the change in number to begin with the class of 1924.
>
> III. That as far as possible, the women members of the Executive Committee of the Board of National Missions be included in the membership of thirty-three.
>
> IV. That in the interest of simplicity and economy all vacancies on the Woman's Board shall not of necessity be filled from the membership of the Board of National Missions as inclusion of women members of the Executive Committee on the Board will offer sufficient connection between the Board of National Missions and the subsidiary Board.
>
> V. That details of organization such as advisory vice-presidents, honorary members, various committees and departments of the subsidiary Board as set up in the

By-laws of the Board be adjusted and simplified as the Board of National Missions begins to function.

With deep appreciation of your continued courtesy and helpfulness, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary.

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Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
New York, N.Y..

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My dear Miss Dawson:

We are requesting all the Boards and Agencies to nominate the members of their Boards in their annual reports to the General Assembly, as usual. Will you please see that this is done in connection with your Board, so that it will continue in being with full membership. It seems best for this to be done by each Board individually, rather than through our Committee.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

Secretary.

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June 7, 1923

The Rev. John Timothy Stone, D.D.
126 East Chestnut Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Stone:

Your letter of May thirty-first, telling of the appointment by General Council of the sub-committee of four to aid the Boards in the details of reorganization, is at hand.

I am sure that this committee will be of much value in helping to solve the problems that, with the best wish in the world to expedite reorganization, are bound to come. As matters needing adjustment appear from time to time, I am sure that we shall be most glad to come to your committee for help. I am

Very sincerely yours,

President

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FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JOHN TIMOTHY STONE, MINISTER
CHICAGO

CHURCH OFFICE
126 EAST CHESTNUT STREET
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May 31, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

The General Council at its organization meeting held on May 23, appointed a sub-committee on relations with the four Boards for the purpose of maintaining a close and helpful contact with these Boards in connection with the details of reorganization that will be in process of adjustment during this year.

This sub-committee consists of Frederick W. Hinitt, Secretary, Ralph W. Harbison and Nelson H. Loomis, together with myself.

I am writing to express our desire to be of every possible assistance during your work this year. We understand how difficult many of our problems will be as you put the plan of organization of your Board into effect and it will be a pleasure to co-operate with you in any way that may appear desirable. The General Council in appointing this sub-committee thus expresses its earnest purpose to be co-laborers in the common task before us.

With cordial greetings, Iam,

Faithfully yours,

Chairman.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, ~~Secretary~~, President
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
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Wed. Jan 17 '23

Dear Mrs Bennett

Thank you for your note. It looks to us that you are right in this precaution, and that we must not overlook the seriousness of this whole question. It must be safe-guarded. Appreciating your thot

Cordially

J. Ward Stone

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July 30, 1923.

The Rev. William P. Shriver
Board of Home Missions
Building

My dear Mr. Shriver:

I know you are giving consideration to the set-up of the Department of City and Immigrant Work in the Board of National Missions and, therefore, we are passing over to you an outline of the work of Christian Social Service that we have carried nationally and in an advisory capacity.

Cordially yours,

s:rk

Assistant Secretary.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

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The work of the Woman's Missionary Societies among immigrants may be classified in four groups according to the methods of raising and apportioning funds.

A. Work for which money is raised nationally and administered by Board.

1. Fellowships and Scholarships - $7,500.

2. Migrant Work - thru Home Missions Council - $2,500.

3. Ellis Island - $2,500.

$1500. (one salary) of the above has been apportioned to specific societies.

B. Special Fund adminstered by Board

Vaughn-Marquis Income - Gogebic Range Parish
Approx. $4,000. in 1923-24.

C. Work conducted locally by synodical, presbyterial and local societies and not reported to Board. Ex. Michigan Immigrant Work - Caspian, Detroit -- N.J. and N.Y. have much local work -- Impossible to secure complete record to date.

D. Work supported and administered locally for which funds have been remitted to Treasurer's Office at 156 for record but returned at once for local administration.

(see next page)

Synod.	Amount spent	Admin. & Support.	Type of Work
Baltimore	$1,414.65	Presbyterial Com. Presbytery's Com. admin. Boh. Church	Kindergarten in Boh. Church
California	7,221.60	Interdenominational Synodical	Potrero Hill
Illinois	10,462.36	Presbyterial Com. cooperates with Church Extension Board.	Chicago Work
Indiana	3,651.75	Workers report to synodical	Thru salaries - Gary, Clinton, Indianapolis
Kansas	400.	Joint Com. of Synod Presbyterials of Topeka and Kansas City, Mo.	Work at a standstill
Minnesota	1,547.	Duluth Church Ext. Com.	Mesaba Iron Range (one salary and spec. gifts)
Missouri	1,049.02	Presbyterial	Slavic woman - visiting and relief
New Jersey	1,180.	Presbyterial Committees or Pres. & Syn. - usually cooperate with local ministers	Italian Mission - Jersey City * " Work - Newark " Mission - West Asbury
New York	3,966.72	Church Ext. Bd.) Partly independent) Presbyterial support and local church.	American Parish Immanuel, Yonkers.
Ohio	6,821.74	Joint Com. of Synod and synodical. Local Com. rep. synod in Cin. & Cleveland.	Ext. D.V.B.S. program Permanent soc. rel. program in coal fields. City work - Cincinnati " " - Cleveland
Pennsylvania	17,593.57	Presbyterial and local administration - No synodical plan - Poor cooperation with Home Missions Com. of Presbyteries.	Neighborhood Houses Missions Institutional Church Work
Texas	1,832.58	Synodical	Mexican Mission (rent and kindergarten teacher)
West Virginia	765.	Grafton Presbyterial contributes work connected with First Pres. Church	Italian Mission Clarksburg, W.Va.
Wisconsin	200.		Milwaukee local work.

*Questionnaires no answered.

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

November 8, 1923

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REC'D NOV 12 '23
ANS'D
By
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Miss Lucy H. Dawson
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

Thank you so much for your gracious note of October 28th. It is a special satisfaction to have the approval of such a sincere mind as your own and I wish you to know how deeply I appreciate your heartening words.

Mrs. Swearingen joins me in assurances of high personal esteem.

Very cordially yours,

Henry Chapman Swearingen

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